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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

1. ON APRIL 7, THE PRESIDENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENT ON U.S. NUCLEAR POWER POLICY.

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2. BEGIN TEXT. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON NUCLEAR
POWER POLICY. THERE IS NO DILEMMA TODAY MORE DIFFICULT
TO RESOLVE THAN THAT CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF NUCLEAR
POWER. MANY COUNTRIES SEE NUCLEAR POWER AS THE ONLY
REAL OPPORTUNITY, AT LEAST IN THIS CENTURY, TO REDUCE
THE DEPENDENCE OF THEIR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ON FOREIGN

OIL -- AN ENERGY SOURCE OF UNCERTAIN AVAILABILITY, GROWING PRICE, AND ULTIMATE EXHAUSTION. THE U.S., BY CONTRAST, HAS A MAJOR DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCE -- COAL -- BUT ITS USE IS NOT WITHOUT PENALTIES AND OUR PLANS ALSO CALL FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER AS A SHARE IN OUR ENERGY PRODUCTION.

THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER ARE THUS VERY REAL AND PRACTICAL. BUT A SERIOUS RISK ACCOMPANIES WORLDWIDE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER -- THE RISK THAT COMPONENTS OF TH:

NUCLEAR POWER PROCESS WILL BE TURNED TO PROVIDING ATOMIC WEAPONS.

WE TOOK AN IMPORTANT STEP IN REDUCING THE RISK OF EXPANDING POSSESSION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS THROUGH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHEREBY MORE THAN 100 NATIONS HAVE AGREED NOT TO DEVELOP SUCH EXPLOSIVES. BUT WE MUST GO FURTHER. THE U.S. IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL NATIONS OF A FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE RISKS WOULD BE VASTLY INCREASED BY THE FURTHER SPREAD OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ENTAIL DIRECT ACCESS TO PLUTONIUM, HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OR OTHER WEAPONS USABLE MATERIAL. THE QUESTION I HAVE HAD UNDER REVIEW FROM MY FIRST DAY IN OFFICE IS HOW CAN THAT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT FOREGOING THE TANGIBLE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER.

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WE ARE NOW COMPLETING AN EXTREMELY THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL THE ISSUES THAT BEAR ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF PROLIFERATION AND DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY -- AS WELL AS STRONG SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC EVIDENCE -- REQUIRE

-- A MAJOR CHANGE IN U.S. DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS; AND

-- A CONCERTED EFFORT AMONG ALL NATIONS TO FIND BETTER ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS AND RISKS ACCOMPANYING THE INCREASED USE OF NUCLEAR POWER.

I AM ANNOUNCING TODAY SOME OF MY DECISIONS RESULTING FROM THAT REVIEW.

FIRST, WE WILL DEFER INDEFINITELY THE COMMERCIAL REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING OF THE PLUTONIUM PRODUCED IN

THE U.S. NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A VIABLE AND ECONOMIC NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM CAN BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT SUCH REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING. THE PLANT AT BARNWELL, S.C., WILL RECEIVE NEITHER FEDERAL ENCOURAGEMENT NOR FUNDING FOR ITS COMPLETION AS A REPROCESSING FACILITY.

SECOND, WE WILL RESTRUCTURE THE U.S. BREEDER REACTOR PROGRAM TO GIVE GREATER PRIORITY TO ALTERNATE DESIGNS OF THE BREEDER, AND TO DEFER THE DATE WHEN BREEDER REACTORS WOULD BE PUT INTO COMMERCIAL USE.

THIRD, WE WILL REDIRECT FUNDING OF U.S. NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE OUR RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE DIRECT ACCESS TO MATERIALS USABLE IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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FOURTH, WE WILL INCREASE U.S. PRODUCTION CAPACITY FOR ENRICHED URANIUM TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUELS FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEEDS.

FIFTH, WE WILL PROPOSE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE STEPS TO PERMIT THE U.S. TO OFFER NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACTS AND GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF SUCH NUCLEAR FUEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

SIXTH, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EMBARGO THE EXPORT OF EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD PERMIT URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING.

SEVENTH, WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH SUPPLYING AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES ALIKE, OF A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES AND FRAMEWORKS THAT WILL PERMIT ALL NATIONS TO ACHIEVE THEIR ENERGY OBJECTIVES WHILE REDUCING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE WILL EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM AIMED AT DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE FUEL CYCLES AND A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. MEASURES TO ASSURE ACCESS TO NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLIES AND SPENT FUEL STORAGE FOR NATIONS SHARING COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT VERY CLOSELY WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE MOST DESIRABLE MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSURING THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS CREATIVELY HARNESSSED FOR PEACEFUL ECONOMIC PURPOSES. OUR INTENT IS TO DEVELOP WIDER

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN REGARD TO THIS VITAL ISSUE
THROUGH SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTA-
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